JESUS READY AND ANXIOUS TO GO FURTHER&

Lk.24:28 He made as tho He would go further.

The three on way to Emmaus.

Christ always for advance. He made as tho to go further.

We are inclined to abide, like the three.

"Let us go into the next towns".

"O Jerusalem, O Jerusalem, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wing, and ye would not!"

Jesus is a forward-moving Savior and King, and if we are to follow Him we must cut loose from the things that hold us back and follow.

I. WE MUST CUT LOOSE FROM OUR SINS.

1. The Red Kaffirs of South Africa. Rub their bodies with fat and red clay, and dress in red. Token of their religion.

A missionary relates that on one occasion a Kaffir woman appeared for baptism arrayed in her red garments. Upon asked why, she said that it was the only dress she had. Another was provided and she discarded her heathen dress and was baptized. So Christ calls to us to put away our red garments of sin and be clothed with the white garments of righteousness.

"Come now and let us reason tohetger, saith the Lord, tho your sins be as scarlet they shall be as white as snow; tho they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool."

I am talking to church members. The Roseville affair.

II. TO FOLLOW JESUS WE MUST CUT LOOSE FROM CUSTOMS AND METHODS THAT PREVENT PROGRESS.

1. Peter's prejudice against the gentiles. His vision and revision of attitude.

2. Bishop Fred Fisher tells us that in Paris a young and enthusiastic social leader shot a challenge across the table to him, sayingm"Where is your Christ? You think you follow him? I say to you that the real living Jesus has left your dead churches, and is now out in the think of this social battle. He is our

Leader, this Jesus that loved starving children, and sk sick women, blind men and all our struggling humanity."

Bishop Fisher shocked on another occasion: "Comrades, Jesus has his red card."

I do not approve of socialism or bosshivism, but I say this, that if the Church of Christ refuses to apply His gospel to the solution of our social and economic difficulties, God will raise leaders up outside the church who will follow Christ all the way.

The Salvation Army laughed at and despised at first.

The church should study its own methods expertly to discover wherein they fail to accomplish the purpose of Christ in the world. The church should be willing to change methods for the sake of further achievement with Christ.

III. WE MUST FOLLOW THE FORWARD-MOVING CHRIST IN NEWNESS OF SPIRIT.

1. WE have had thousands of seasons thru hundreds of ages but every Spring is as a new creation. It is the old Life of righteousness and love in Christ which we must manifest, the old Gpspel which we must preach, the old service of lovingkindness which we must render to our fellow men, but the old Gospel and Life and Love and Righteousness and Service must be expressed in all newness and vigor of springtime. Enthusiastically and triumphantly hopefully and cheerful ly.

2. The new must be an improvement upon the old.
Luther Burbank creations. Improved fruits and stocks

3. See what a touch of newness does to this old church. It is the touch of newness in our work and life as a church that will put the gospel over in this community.

Well might the church of America listen to the words of Dr. Cheng Ching Yi, the Chinese Xn statesman:

"The whole of Xn propaganda is the greatest adventure in the world. Are we bold enough to face the difficult sit situation? Under such circumstances are we daring enough to capture the unparalelled opportunity of taking China for Christ? Are we brave enough to tackle the (humanly speaking) impossibility, relying on the assurance that there is nothing impossible to God? Are we determined to act in accordance with the times and do our utmost to win China

for the Lord? Remember, friends, my heart is burning within me as I speak. The thot of a failure on our part to rise to the occasion for a forward, immediate, nation-wide spiritual movement makes me shudder. Look wherever you like; such a definite step must be taken. Look at the compassionate Lord on high; look at the opposing forces below; look at the personal obligation within us; and there seems to be no way out of it. We are in it, all of us, and no backing out is possible.. Let us rise up to the call, and in the beauty of the Lord of Hosts attempt the impossible thing- seeing in the near future Christ for China and China for Christ."